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My Dear Sir,

I cannot let the last number of the Liberator which I have taken so long to pass me, without a word of thanks to you and ^{a word} of recognition of the service which you have done not merely to the country and to the world, but to me personally, in respect to my own moral and spiritual education. I shall always esteem it most fortunate for me that at the time when I first began to think there were two men standing forth in the community who were faithful to right and to principle - Theodore Parker in

Whig and you in politics.
As an honest man I found myself
forced to think as you did, and
though I cannot feel as you can
that I have done all I might
for the oppressed, I have been willing
here for more than twenty five
years to be called "Parkerite"
and "Abolitionist", and I shall
never repent it - for to your example
my dear Sir, and that of such
as you many of us younger men
owe much of all that is good
in us.

I heartily congratulate
you on the close of your long
struggle. I never expected to read
the Proclamation of Emancipation
and the last number of the
Liberator. May you live long
to enjoy the fruits of your noble
labours. I see that, Childs

are growing up and many in
would you. I am a younger
man by full fifteen years, but
old enough to know what a
comfort that is as we advance
in life.

I send you two or
three little books of my making,
not so much for their intrinsic
value, as to testify by an my
high respect and esteem. They
are on a subject which I know
interests you and I should
feel honored if you will read
them at your leisure.

Believe me very dear
ly, with great regard,
Your friend and servant

D. P. Atkinson

D. L. Garrison

